RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) 82.

(*b*) 4.

(*c*) 1114 and 1115—Nil.

1116. One (as acting).

Appointment of Excise Inspectors and Petty Officers.

14. **MR. P. S. MUHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Excise Inspectors and Petty Officers in the State;

(*b*) the number of Muslims among the Excise Inspectors and Petty Officers separately ; and

(*c*) the number, by caste, of direct appointments made by the Government as Excise Inspectors and Petty Officers during the period 1114, 1115 and 1116 ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR:

(*a*)	Excise Inspectors	73
	Petty officers	430
(*b*)	Excise Inspectors	2
	Petty officers	19
(*c*)	Excise Inspectors	Nil.
	Petty officers :	
	Brahmin	1
	Nayar	1

Work in Police Stations.

15 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether in several Police Stations the works of the Inspectors have increased in connection with political matters and labour activities ; and

(*b*) whether the regular work in the stations has been entrusted by the Inspectors to the Head Constables as a result of the increase in work mentioned in part (*a*) of the question ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (*a*) Yes—in some stations.

(*b*) No.

Labour Strikes.

16 **MR. P. S. MUHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the Labour Union made any decision to strike work ;

(*b*) if so, the dates of the meetings of the Union that decided to strike work ;

(*c*) whether the Union gave notice either to the employers or to the Government that they would strike work :

(*d*) the grounds on which they proposed to strike work ; and

(*e*) whether the coir factory labourers did strike at any time after the outbreak of the war ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The questions are vague and indefinite. It is not clear which Labour Union and which particular strike are referred to by the member.

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